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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS

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1. AT THEIR REQUEST, MISOFFS MET JUNE 18 WITH FRANK
BETT, AUSTRALIAN AEC, SANDY HOLLWAY, MFA, MIKE FARROW,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCES AND NEIL MCDONALD,
LOCAL MISSION.

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2. BRETT EXPLAINED THAT VISIT HAD BEEN LAUNCHED ON
VERY SHORT NOTICE BY PRIMIN FRASER, DURING LATTER'S
EUROPEAN VISIT, FOR PURPOSE OF LOOKING INTO VARIOUS
MATTERS RELEVANT TO FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
EMERGING AUSTRALIAN POLICY FOR EXPORT OF URANIUM. ONE
SPECIFIC QUESTION BEING CONSIDERED WAS MANNER IN WHICH
AUSTRALIA COULD ASSIST AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES.

VISITORS HAD MET WITH DDG ROMETSCH JUNE 17 FOR HIS VIEWS AND WISHED TO LEARN HOW U.S. PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING AGENCY SAFEGUARDS WAS ESTABLISHED AND FUNCTIONING.

3. MISOFFS OUTLINED STEPS TAKEN SINCE SUMMER 1976 TO DEVELOP CONTENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF U.S. PROGRAM, STRESSING EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL AGREEMENT AMONG ALL UNITS OF AGENCY SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT AND USG AND CLOSE CONTINUING LIAISON TO ASSURE MAINTENANCE OF COMMON OBJECTIVES. COPY OF DOCUMENT OUTLINING NINETY SOME TASKS PRESENTLY INCLUDED IN AGREED U.S. PROGRAM AS WELL AS EXCHANGES OF LETTERS WITH AGENCY ESTABLISHING PROGRAM AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPENDITURES OF THOSE U.S. FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO AGENCY FOR SPECIFIED ASPECTS OF PROGRAM, WERE GIVEN TO VISITORS.

4. MISOFFS ADVISED AUSTRALIANS THAT IMMEDIATE NEED APPARENTLY EXISTS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL IN SEVERAL SECTIONS OF SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT AND THAT AUSTRALIANS SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SECONDING QUALIFIED PEOPLE FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE, AS U.S. WAS DOING.

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THIS WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO AGENCY BUT WOULD ALSO INCREASE POOL OF KNOWLEDGEABLE AUSTRALIANS. BETT NOTED THAT ROMETSCH HAD MADE SAME SUGGESTION AND HE THOUGHT AUSTRALIA COULD MAKE GOOD PEOPLE AVAILABLE WHO WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SAFEGUARDS BUT WHO HAD SKILLS (SUCH AS DATA PROCESSING) WHICH WERE APPLICABLE.

5. BETT AGREED WITH SUGGESTION BY MISOFFS THAT, IN CONSIDERING FORM AND CONTENT OF ANY AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM TO ASSIST AGENCY SAFEGUARDS, AUSTRALIANS SHOULD COORDINATE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. AND CANADA TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND MAKE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF RESPECTIVE RESOURCES. MISOFFS STRESSED THAT U.S. WELCOMED ACTION BY AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE AND LOOKED FORWARD TO CONCRETE AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM.

6. BETT WAS INTERESTED (AND CONCERNED) RE IMPLEMENTATION OF EURATOM-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, REFERRING TO AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT (BY WILSON) AT IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, WHICH ENDED PREVIOUS DAY, STRESSING IMPORTANT IMPACT OF "SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION" OF THAT AGREEMENT ON AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC OPINION RE URANIUM EXPORT POLICY AND EXPRESSING HOPE "FULL IMPLEMENTATION" WOULD OCCUR AT AN EARLY DATE. VISITORS WERE GOING ON TO BRUSSELS, WHERE BETT INDICATED AUSTRALIAN VIEWS WOULD BE MADE CLEAR ON ESSENTIALITY OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION BY IAEA, AS CALLED FOR IN AGREEMENT.

7. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MCDONALD, MISOFFS INQUIRED RE INTENT OF REFERENCED BY PRIMIN FRASER (PARA 2 REFTTEL) TO REQUIREMENT FOR IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON URANIUM "FROM TIEM IT LEAVES AUSTRALIAN OWNERSHIP." MCDONALD INDICATED THAT VARIETY OF OPTIONS WERE OPEN. AUSTRALIA COULD CONVERT NATURAL URANIUM TO HEXAFLUORIDE OR DIOXIDE BEFORE EXPORT, OR IN LONGER TERM, EXPORT LOW ENRICHED URANIUM. AUSTRALIA MIGHT ALSO CONTRACT WITH CUSTOMER TO DELIVER NATURAL OR ENRICHED DIOXIDE OR HEXAFLUORIDE AT AGREED SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICE, WITH AUSTRALIA SUB-CONTRACTING WITH CONVERSION

OR ENRICHMENT SERVICE SUPPLIER IN THIRD COUNTRY. STONE

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